Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for the temporary anti-corrosive treatment of a metal surface that consist predominantly of aluminum and/or zinc, said process comprising:

a) placing the surface of the metal in contact with an anti-corrosive composition comprising 2.0 - 400 g/L phosphate ions, 0.5 - 400 g/L fluorometallate ions, and having a pH of between 1.0 - 4.0, for a time period of between 0.1 - 200 seconds;

b) drying the anti-corrosive treatment composition on the metal surface to form a primary passivating coating on the metal surface;

c) removing the primary passivating coating from the metal surface; and

d) conversion coating the metal surface.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the ratio of fluorometallate anions and phosphate ions is 0.10:1.0 to 5.0:1.0.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the phosphate ions are provided in a 75% by weight phosphate solution, based on the total weight of the phosphate solution, and the fluorometallate ions are provided in a 50% by weight fluorometallate solution, based on the total weight of the fluorometallate solution.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the phosphate solution is present in the composition in an amount of 25 - 65 wt. % and the fluorometallate solution is present in the composition in an amount of 35 - 75 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising water present in an amount of 2 to 50 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition.

6. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the phosphate solution comprises phosphoric acid and the fluorometallate solution comprises hexafluorotitanic acid.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the phosphoric acid is present in the composition in an amount of 1.0-15.0 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition, and the hexafluorotitanic acid is present in an amount of 1.0-20.0 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition, and the composition further comprising water present in an amount of 45-98 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the metal surface comprises steel treated with a galvanic coating comprising aluminum, zinc and silicon.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the metal surface comprises steel treated with a galvanic coating comprising 55% aluminum, 43.5% zinc and 1.5% silicon.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the primary passivating coating metal surface is stored after step b) and prior to step c).

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the removal of step c) takes place by exposing the primary passivating coating to an alkaline solution prior to step d).

13.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method for the temporary anti-corrosive treatment of metal surface that consist predominately of aluminum and/or zinc, said method comprising:

a) placing the surface of the metal in contact with an anti-corrosive composition comprising 2.0-400 g/L phosphate ions, 0.5-400 g/L fluorometallate ions selected from the group

consisting of TiF_6^{-2}, ZrF_6^{-2}, HfF_6^{-2}, SiF_6^{-2}, AlF_6^{-3}, GeF_6^{-2}, SnF_6^{-2}, and BF_4^-, and having a pH of between 1.0-4.0, for a time period of between 0.1-200 seconds;

b) drying the anti-corrosive treatment composition on the metal surface to form a primary passivating coating on the metal surface;

c) leaving the primary passivating coating on the metal surface for a predetermined time period during shipping and storage of the metal surface;

d) exposing the primary passivating coating to an alkaline cleaner to remove ~~removing~~ the primary passivating coating form the metal surface; and

e) conversion coating the cleaned metal surface with a second corrosion resistant coating, the second corrosion resistant coating being a more permanent corrosion resistant coating then the primary passivating coating.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of 22 wherein the anti-corrosive composition consists essentially of phosphate ions, fluorometallate ions and water.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 wherein the fluorometallate ions are selected from the group consisting of TiF_6^{-2} and ZrF_6^{-2}.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[24]] 22 wherein the anti-corrosive composition ~~further comprises 0.1-150 g/L amino-phenolic polymer and consists essentially~~ consists essentially of phosphate ions, fluorometallate ions, amino-phenolic polymer and water, wherein the amino-phenolic polymer is present in the anti-corrosive composition in an amount of 0.1-150 g/l.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the amino-phenolic polymer is provided as a solution with an acid selected from the group consisting of fluorotitanic acid, phosphoric acid, and fluorozirconic acid and the ratio of the amino-phenolic polymer and the acid is 1.0:1.0 to 50:1.0.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for the temporary anti-corrosive treatment of metal surface that consist predominately of aluminum and/or zinc, said method comprising:

a) placing the surface of the metal in contact with an anti-corrosive composition comprising 2.0-400 g/L phosphate ions, 6.0-400 g/L fluorometallate ions, and having a pH of between 1.0-4.0 for a predetermined period of time;

b) drying the anti-corrosive treatment composition on the metal surface to form a primary passivating coating on the metal surface;

c) removing the primary passivating coating from the metal surface; and

d) conversion coating the metal surface, after the primary passivating coating has been removed from the metal surface[[~~,~~]]; and

e) coating the metal surface with an organic coating.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the surface of the metal is in contact with the anti-corrosive composition for a time period of between 0.1-2.0 seconds.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the anti-corrosive composition further comprises 0.1-150 g/L amino-phenolic polymer.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the temperature of the anti-corrosive composition during step a) is 20-66°C.